GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ETHANOL PRODUCTION FROM CANE JUICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to permit oil companies to manufacture ethanol directly from cane juice;

(b) if so, whether the said decision is likely to lead to decline in production of sugar in the country in near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to remedy this situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.